

**INDUSTRIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

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**PAUL JACKSTADT
BILL DAVIS
JUDY WHITAKER
BRIAN KONZEN**

**VIRGIL KAMBARIAN
DON THOMPSON
ED HAGNAUER**

ALDERMAN JACKSTADT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

JACKSTADT STATED THAT WE HAVE 2 THINGS ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT; A QUARTERLY REPORT BY ECONOMIC DIRECTOR JON FERRY AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE SALE AGREEMENT FOR 1511 JOHNSON RD WHICH WE DISCUSSED AT THE LAST MEETING AND IT IS UP FOR APPROVAL TONIGHT.

JACKSTADT TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO ECONOMIC DIRECTOR JON FERRY.

FERRY STATED THAT EVERYONE WAS GIVEN A REPORT. THE COVER PAGE IS ACTIVE PROJECTS. ANHEUSER BUSH IS LOOKING AT AN EXPANSION ON THEIR RAIL SERVICE; THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON THEIR NUMBERS. NEXT IS FRANCHISE DAYLIGHT DONUTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA. NIEDRINGHAUS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS A GROUP OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SUBLEASE AND TURN THE BUILDING INTO A SHARED WORK OFFICE PLACE AND THERE IS ALSO TALK ABOUT DRAWING A UNIVERSITY TO THAT AREA. ON THE ROUTE 3 PROJECT WE HAVE A SINGLE USER LOOKING AT LAND AND THIS WOULD DRAW RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS. ALSO WE ARE LOOKING AT EXTENDING THE RT 3 TIF. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE EXTENSION OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON THE ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN. ARNETT PATTERN IS MOVING FORWARD AND EXPANDING AND ADDING ANOTHER 20 EMPLOYEES. A COMPANY OUT OF MARYLAND IS LOOKING AT REBUILDING THE YMCA TO A FIVE STAR HOTEL. INVESTING 3-5 MILLION IN THE BUILDING AND 2-3 IN A PARKING GARAGE. WE HAVE SENT THEM A LIST OF REQUIREMENTS, AND THEY ARE ASKING US TO GIVE THEM THE BUILDING. THEY HAVE SUBMITTED TO US SOME TERMS.

MAYOR STATED THAT THEY ARE SERIOUS, AND WE HAVE BRIAN KONZEN LOOKING INTO TERMS.

FERRY STATED THAT THE LA SALLE GROUP IS PLAN ON OPENING IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

BAILEY COMPANY HAS PROPOSED AN EXPANSION, THEY TALKED ABOUT HAVING 165 EMPLOYEES; THEY ARE LOOKING INTO RELOCATING INTO THE OLD NESTLE BUILDING.

WE ARE APPLYING FOR A LOAN TO REDO SIDEWALKS AND PLANTING TREES AROUND THE HOSPITAL AND DEMOLISH THE OLD ELKS BUILDING.

MAYOR STATED THE 1800 BLOCK OF STATE IS BEING SOLD TO JUSTINE PETERSON TO REDEVELOP. ALSO A BUILDING BECAME VACANT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND WE ARE FILLING THEM WITH OTHER NEW BUSINESSES.

FERRY STATED THAT GROCERY STORE ON NAMEOKI RD IS COMING IN WHERE BIG LOTS WAS; IT IS A DIVISION OF KROGER FOODS. THE REASON RT 3 HAS STAGNATED IS THE ECONOMY AND THE COMPETITION WITH EDWARDSVILLE AND FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS; ALSO THE OWNERS OF THE LAND ARE NOT PUSHING THE LAND. ALSO THE SUGAR POTTERY PROJECTS A 5 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT; A CANADIAN COMPANY LOCATING AT THE PORT DISTRICT. THIS COMPANY IS A SUPPLIER OF AN EXISTING COMPANY IN THE AREA.

MOTION BY DAVIS, SECOND BY THOMPSON TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.